

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3231, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

Page 20, after line 21, insert the following:

1 (5) PILOT INITIATIVES FOR BACKLOG ELIMI-
2 NATION.—The Director of the Bureau of Citizenship
3 and Immigration Services is authorized to implement
4 innovative pilot initiatives to eliminate any remain-
5 ing backlog in the processing of immigration benefit
6 applications, and to prevent any backlog in the proc-
7 essing of such applications from recurring, in ac-
8 cordance with section 204(a) of the Immigration
9 Services and Infrastructure Improvements Act of
10 2000 (8 U.S.C. 1573(a)). Such initiatives may in-
11 clude measures such as increasing personnel, trans-
12 ferring personnel to focus on areas with the largest
13 potential for backlog, and streamlining paperwork.

Page 51, strike lines 16 through 20 and insert the
following:

14 (e) BACKLOG ELIMINATION.—Section 204(a) of the
15 Immigration Services and Infrastructure Improvements
16 Act of 2000 (8 U.S.C. 1573(a)) is amended by striking
17 “October 17, 2000;” and inserting “the effective date
18 specified in section 15(a) of the Barbara Jordan Immigra-
19 tion Reform and Accountability Act of 2002;”.

